

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 27, line 5 as follows:

The D-aminoacylase purified and isolated from the *Deffluviobacter* sp. A131-3 was analyzed by the method known in the art for the N-terminal and the internal amino acid sequences to thereby obtain the N-terminal sequence (KSFDLVIRNGRVVDP; SEQ ID NO: 9) and the internal sequences (AQAQGLXITXEA; SEQ ID NO: 10, and TALIPAQIVER; SEQ ID NO: 11). The primer mix of the N-terminal and the internal sequences including all DNA sequences that are expectable from these amino acids, namely, two primers of ATHMGIAAYGGIMGIGTIGT (SEQ ID NO. 3) and CKYTClACDATYTGIGClGGDAT (SEQ ID NO. 4) were prepared. It is to be noted that "I" represents inosine.

Please delete the original Sequence Listing appearing on pages 30-37.

Page 41 (Abstract), after the last line, beginning on a new page, please insert the attached substitute Sequence Listing.